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news from the IU Maurer School of Law

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## Greetings from Bloomington



The first half of the fall semester is behind us. The Class of 2015 is gearing up for its first finals, and our new faculty members have quickly become an integral part of our community.

Meanwhile, the search for a new dean is well under way. Members of the search committee have been meeting with students, faculty, and staff. In addition, the committee is eager to hear from alumni about their vision for the school, and the qualifications of a new dean they would like the committee to consider during the search and screen process. Please send your comments to [msldean@iu.edu](mailto:msldean@iu.edu).

Did you participate in Moot Court? If so (and even if you didn't), you may enjoy serving as a judge. The competition runs through November 3, and several slots are still available. To register, visit the [Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition website](#). Whether you come for Moot Court or for another event, I hope to see you on campus soon.

Yours,

[Hannah L. Buxbaum](#)

Interim Dean and John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics

## Alumni role in students' career success is more crucial than ever

*You're invited to get involved!*

In today's competitive job market, alumni play a more important role than ever in helping Maurer students and recent grads find the job that's right for them. In the [short video below](#), you'll hear directly from students about how alumni have helped them

- - and from alumni who find the experience rewarding as well.

From attending our résumé roundtable in Bloomington to mentoring a recent grad in Southern California, you can help guide the next generation of lawyers to success. There are many ways to get involved, and we hope you'll consider doing so.

Stay connected!



ALAF nominations sought

Established in 1985, the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers through personal achievements and dedication to the highest standards of the profession. Induction into the Academy is the highest honor the Maurer School of Law bestows upon its graduates.

Nominations for this prestigious award are open until Friday, November 16. [Visit our website for details and a nomination form.](#)

Traveling? Send us your photo wearing Maurer garb!

Are you traveling this fall? If so, have your picture taken wearing



a Maurer hat, t-shirt, or other identifiable garb and send it to us at

[lawalum@indiana.edu](mailto:lawalum@indiana.edu). Make sure there's a recognizable landmark in the background! We'll publish the photos in the December edition of *ergo*.

## Coming events

See you at the ISBA annual meeting!

Join faculty and fellow alumni for a reception in conjunction with the Indiana State Bar Association annual meeting. Even if you are

To learn more, please contact Michael Keller, Assistant Dean, Office of Career and Professional Development, at [mikeller@indiana.edu](mailto:mikeller@indiana.edu), or at 812.855.0258.



Here's what students and alumni say about getting involved

Legal profession course singled out for innovative approach

[Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers](#), an initiative of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System at the University of Denver, has selected Indiana Law's legal profession course for inclusion in its on-line portfolio of classes that "encourage and facilitate innovation in legal education in order to train new lawyers to the highest standards of competence and professionalism." ETL selected this required first-year course because it goes beyond the law of lawyering by putting the rules of context in practice and exploring students' professional futures.

To read more about the course, visit [ETL's course portfolios](#), or click below to watch a video about the course featuring one of its chief architects, Prof. [William D. Henderson](#).



Prof. William Henderson on the legal profession course.

not attending the meeting, if you live or work in the area, please plan to join us. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided.

Thursday, October 25, 2012  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
JW Marriott, Room 309  
10 S. West Street  
Indianapolis

RSVP by October 18:  
[lawalum@indiana.edu](mailto:lawalum@indiana.edu), or  
812.855.9700

Alumni reception and presentation

November 19, 2012; 6 pm - 8 pm  
Location TBA

Mark your calendar to join Interim Dean Hannah Buxbaum and [Donna M. Nagy](#), C. Ben Dutton



Nagy

Professor of Law, for an alumni reception and presentation. Prof. Nagy will be discussing her current research on selective disclosure of inside information by government officials.

Save the date: Washington, DC student/alumni reception, Friday evening, January 7

Plan to join -- and welcome into the fold -- students visiting Washington during the Office of Career and Professional Development's annual interview and networking trip. For details, visit the [alumni page](#) on the Law School's website.

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## Maurer alumni honored, named to high-ranking judicial posts



On September 14, Hon. **Loretta (Hogan) Rush**, JD'83, was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court by Governor Mitch Daniels, replacing **Frank Sullivan**, JD'82, who retired. Rush was a judge in Tippecanoe Superior Court at the time of her appointment. She will be only the second woman ever to serve as a justice in Indiana.

**Geoffrey Slaughter**, JD'89, was one of two other finalists for the position.

On September 21, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Barack Obama's nomination of Hon. **Gonzalo P. Curiel**, JD'79, as district judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. He had been a judge in the Superior Court of San Diego since 2007.



On September 22, Hon. **Albert Velasquez**, an administrative law judge in the Indianapolis



Office of Disability Adjudication, received the 2012 IU Latino Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award. One of the first Hispanic graduates of the Law School, Velasquez "conducts his personal and professional life with all the passion, caring and tenacity that are evidenced today by his many accomplishments," said **Arthur Andrew**

**Lopez**, JD'83, who nominated his mentor. "Few of our Latino graduates represent our community better."

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## Center for IP Research to present conference at Oxford



Following two successful conferences on the Bloomington campus in September, Maurer's [Center for Intellectual Property Research](#) is going on the road. On November 2-3, CIPR and the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre present "The Future of Design Protection" at Jesus College, University of Oxford, England.

"Design protection is once again at the forefront of intellectual property debates," said **Mark D. Janis**, JD'89, Robert A. Lucas Chair of Law and the CIPR's Director. "The ongoing smartphone litigation around the world highlights how valuable design protection can be."

Proceedings of the Oxford conference will be published in [IP Theory](#), the Center's on-line, peer-edited scholarly journal. The conference organizers are grateful for the support of Microsoft Corporation and law firm sponsor McAndrews Held & Malloy Ltd., Chicago. To [register for the conference](#), visit the CIPR website.

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## CLEAR completes database of state regulations on health information



Indiana University's [Center for Law, Ethics, and Applied Research \(CLEAR\) in Health Information](#) has compiled a database of state and federal regulations pertaining to health information.

"This will be an invaluable resource to attorneys, legislators, policymakers, and researchers as it points out the overlapping, redundant, and in some cases, completely unnecessary laws and regulations that govern the use of health information," said Center Director [Fred H. Cate](#), Distinguished Professor and C. Ben Dutton Professor of Law.

[Click here](#) to download the database.

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## Seventh Circuit conducts oral arguments at Law School

On October 12, the Maurer community was honored by a visit from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, which heard oral arguments in two civil appeals and one criminal appeal. Following the arguments, the judges held a question-and-answer session with students about practicing before the Seventh Circuit.

"We are so pleased that the Court chose our school for this event," said Dean Buxbaum. "It was an outstanding opportunity for students to watch the judges work and to debrief the attorneys on their experience."

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